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Mr. William S. Heffelfinger
Director of Administration
Department of Energy
Washington, D. C. 20585

Dear Mr. Heffelfinger:

I am happy to approve your request for a four month extension of [redacted] tour in the Department of Energy as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intelligence.

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As you know, I strongly support the rotation of senior Agency officers to policy offices, both to provide better service to intelligence consumers and to enhance the understanding in our ranks of the policy process and special needs of individual policy agencies. Normally, we would prefer that our officers return to duty in the Directorate of Intelligence when their tours are completed, but I am sympathetic to your needs during the transition to General Hoover's successor and support your desire for continuity in intelligence support. We would, of course, like to have further discussions in the future on whether a longer term extension [redacted] is desirable.

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I am not at all surprised by your kind words about [redacted] performance, and I am pleased that he has been able to contribute to the Department's performance of its mission.

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Sincerely,

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[redacted signature]
Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director for Intelligence

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